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C O N F I D E N T I A L FREETOWN 0569

FOR EMBASSY CAPE TOWN

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, OAU, RH

SUBJ: OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE: SUPPORT FOR PATRIOTIC FRONT

REF: (A) LUSAKA 400; (B) LUSAKA 353

1. ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR SHIRLEY GBUJAMA, SIERRA LEONE'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN, WHO WAS PRESENT AT THE OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE MEETING, THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE LIBERATION COMMITTEE WAS TO SUPPORT MILITARY STRUGGLE AS THE MEANS FOR ATTAINING LIBERATION IN ZIMBABWE. IN THIS CONTEXT, "SUPPORT", RATHER THAN "RECOGNITION," WAS OFFERED FOR THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. HOWEVER, THE LANGUAGE WAS PURPOSELY CLOUDED IN ORDER TO ALLOW ANYONE WHO WAS INVOLVED IN THE ARMED STRUGGLE TO BE PERCEIVED AS PART OF THAT "PATRIOTIC FRONT," I.E., DEFINING PATRIOTIC FRONT AS BEING THAT GROUP WHICH ENCOMPASSED THOSE WHO WERE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN WARFARE.

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2. DEPARTMENT REPEAT AS APPROPRIATE.

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